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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CR. NO. 05-00260 JMS
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Plaintiff,)	UNITED STATES' PROPOSED
)	JURY INSTRUCTIONS;
vs.)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
)	
JAMES LOW, (01))	Date: June 6, 2006
)	Time: 9:00 a.m.
Defendant.)	Judge: Hon. Alan C. Kay
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UNITED STATES' PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS

The United States of America, through its undersigned counsel, respectfully submits the following proposed jury instructions. Due to the pro se status of Defendant Low and the unavailability of his standby counsel, Richard Kawana, Esq., the United States submits the following proposed instructions in lieu of agreed upon instructions between the parties. At the earliest

opportunity, the United States will seek to confer with Defendant Low and/or standby counsel to submit a set of joint proposed instructions. In the meantime, permission of the Court is requested to withdraw any of the attached instructions or to offer additional instructions as may, during the course of the trial, become appropriate.

DATED: May 24, 2006 at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. KUBO, JR.
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By /s/ Mark A. Inciong
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 1

The parties have agreed to certain facts that have been stated to you. You should therefore treat these facts as having been proved.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 2.4 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 2

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9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 2.9 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 3

Members of the jury, now that you have heard all the evidence, it is my duty to instruct you on the law which applies to this case. A copy of these instructions will be available in the jury room for you to consult.

It is your duty to find the facts from all the evidence in the case. To those facts you will apply the law as I give it to you. You must follow the law as I give it to you whether you agree with it or not. And you must not be influenced by any personal likes or dislikes, opinions, prejudices, or sympathy. That means that you must decide the case solely on the evidence before you. You will recall that you took an oath promising to do so at the beginning of the case.

In following my instructions, you must follow all of them and not single out some and ignore others; they are all equally important. You must not read into these instructions or into anything the court may have said or done any suggestion as to what verdict you should return—that is a matter entirely up to you.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.1 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 4

The indictment is not evidence. The defendant has pleaded not guilty to the charge. The defendant is presumed to be innocent and does not have to testify or present any evidence to prove innocence. The government has the burden of proving every element of the charge beyond a reasonable doubt.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.2 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 5

A defendant in a criminal case has a constitutional right not to testify. No presumption of guilt may be raised, and no inference of any kind may be drawn, from the fact that the defendant did not testify.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.3 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 6

Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you firmly convinced that the defendant is guilty. It is not required that the government prove guilt beyond all possible doubt.

A reasonable doubt is a doubt based upon reason and common sense and is not based purely on speculation. It may arise from a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence, or from lack of evidence.

If after a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence, you are not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty, it is your duty to find the defendant not guilty. On the other hand, if after a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence, you are convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty, it is your duty to find the defendant guilty.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.5 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 7

The evidence from which you are to decide what the facts are consists of:

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- (2) the exhibits which have been received into evidence; and
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9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.6 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 8

In reaching your verdict you may consider only the testimony and exhibits received into evidence. Certain things are not evidence and you may not consider them in deciding what the facts are. I will list them for you:

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9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.7 (2005)

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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 9

Evidence may be direct or circumstantial. Direct evidence is direct proof of a fact, such as testimony by a witness about what that witness personally saw or heard or did. Circumstantial evidence is proof of one or more facts from which you could find another fact. You should consider both kinds of evidence. The law makes no distinction between the weight to be given to either direct or circumstantial evidence. It is for you to decide how much weight to give to any evidence.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.8 (2006)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 10

In deciding the facts in this case, you may have to decide which testimony to believe and which testimony not to believe. You may believe everything a witness says, or part of it, or none of it.

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2. the witness's memory;
3. the witness's manner while testifying;
4. the witness's interest in the outcome of the case and any bias or prejudice;
5. whether other evidence contradicted the witness's testimony;
6. the reasonableness of the witness's testimony in light of all the evidence; and
7. any other factors that bear on believability.

The weight of the evidence as to a fact does not necessarily depend on the number of witnesses who testify.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.9 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 11

A separate crime is charged the defendant in each count. The charges have been joined for trial. Your verdict on any count as to any defendant should not control your verdict on any other count.

All of the instructions apply to each count [unless a specific instruction states that it applies only to a specific [count]].

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.14 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 12

A person has possession of something if the person knows of its presence and has physical control of it, or knows of its presence and has the power and intention to control it.

[More than one person can be in possession of something if each knows of its presence and has the power and intention to control it.]

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.18 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 13

Languages other than English have been used during this trial.

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9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 3.20 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 14

You have heard testimony that the defendant made a statement. It is for you to decide (1) whether the defendant made the statement, and (2) if so, how much weight to give to it. In making those decisions, you should consider all of the evidence about the statement, including the circumstances under which the defendant may have made it.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 4.1 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 15

You have heard testimony from persons who, because of education or experience, are permitted to state opinions and the reasons for their opinions.

Opinion testimony should be judged just like any other testimony. You may accept it or reject it, and give it as much weight as you think it deserves, considering the witness' education and experience, the reasons given for the opinion, and all the other evidence in the case.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 4.17 (2002)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 16

Certain charts and summaries have been received into evidence. Charts and summaries are only as good as the underlying supporting material. You should, therefore, give them only such weight as you think the underlying material deserves.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 4.19 (2005)

GIVEN _____
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MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 17

The defendant is charged in the indictment with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, the defendant intended to possess methamphetamine with the intent to deliver it to another person; and

Second, the defendant did something which was a substantial step toward committing the crime, with all of you agreeing as to what constituted the substantial step.

It is a crime to conspire and possess methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

Mere preparation is not a substantial step toward the commission of conspiracy and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 5.3 (2000)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 18

An act is done knowingly if the defendant is aware of the act and does not act through ignorance, mistake, or accident. [The government is not required to prove that the defendant knew that [his] [her] acts or omissions were unlawful.] You may consider evidence of the defendant's words, acts, or omissions, along with all the other evidence, in deciding whether the defendant acted knowingly.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 5.6 (2002)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 19

Mere presence at the scene of a crime or mere knowledge that a crime is being committed is not sufficient to establish that the defendant committed the crime of conspiracy to distribute and possess, with intent to distribute, methamphetamine with intent to distribute unless you find that the defendant was a participant and not merely a knowing spectator. The defendant's presence may be considered by the jury along with other evidence in the case.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 6.9 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 20

When you begin your deliberations, you should elect one member of the jury as your foreperson. That person will preside over the deliberations and speak for you here in court.

You will then discuss the case with your fellow jurors to reach agreement if you can do so. Your verdict, whether guilty or not guilty, must be unanimous.

Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but you should do so only after you have considered all the evidence, discussed it fully with the other jurors, and listened to the views of your fellow jurors.

Do not be afraid to change your opinion if the discussion persuades you that you should. But do not come to a decision simply because other jurors think it is right.

It is important that you attempt to reach a unanimous verdict but, of course, only if each of you can do so after having made your own conscientious decision. Do not change an honest belief about the weight and effect of the evidence simply to reach a verdict.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 7.1 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 21

Your verdict must be based solely on the evidence and on the law as I have given it to you in these instructions. However, nothing that I have said or done is intended to suggest what your verdict should be—that is entirely for you to decide.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 7.2 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 22

Some of you have taken notes during the trial. Whether or not you took notes, you should rely on your own memory of what was said. Notes are only to assist your memory. You should not be overly influenced by the notes.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 7.3 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 23

The punishment provided by law for this crime is for the court to decide. You may not consider punishment in deciding whether the government has proved its case against the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 7.4 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 24

A verdict form has been prepared for you. [Any explanation of the verdict form may be given at this time.] After you have reached unanimous agreement on a verdict, your foreperson will fill in the form that has been given to you, sign and date it and advise the Court that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 7.5 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 25

If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with me, you may send a note through the bailiff, signed by your foreperson or by one or more members of the jury. No member of the jury should ever attempt to communicate with me except by a signed writing, and I will respond to the jury concerning the case only in writing, or here in open court. If you send out a question, I will consult with the lawyers before answering it, which may take some time. You may continue your deliberations while waiting for the answer to any question. Remember that you are not to tell anyone—including me—how the jury stands, numerically or otherwise, on the question of the guilt of the defendant, until after you have reached a unanimous verdict or have been discharged.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 7.6 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 26

The defendant is charged in Count 1 of the indictment with conspiring to distribute and to possess, with intent to distribute, 50 grams or more of a methamphetamine, in violation of Sections 846 and 841(a)(1) of Title 21 of the United States Code. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, beginning at a date unknown and continuing up to and including June 8, 2005, there was an agreement between two or more persons to distribute and to possess, with intent to distribute, 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; and,

Second, the defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing of at least one of its objects and intending to help accomplish it.

I shall discuss with you briefly the law relating to each of these elements.

A conspiracy is a kind of criminal partnership—an agreement of two or more persons to commit one or more crimes. The crime of conspiracy is the agreement to do something unlawful; it does not matter whether the crime agreed upon was committed.

For a conspiracy to have existed, it is not necessary that the conspirators made a formal agreement or that they agreed on every detail of the conspiracy. It is not enough, however, that

they simply met, discussed matters of common interest, acted in similar ways, or perhaps helped one another. You must find that there was a plan to commit at least one of the crimes alleged in the indictment as an object of the conspiracy with all of you agreeing as to the particular crime which the conspirators agreed to commit.

One becomes a member of a conspiracy by willfully participating in the unlawful plan with the intent to advance or further some object or purpose of the conspiracy, even though the person does not have full knowledge of all the details of the conspiracy. Furthermore, one who willfully joins an existing conspiracy is as responsible for it as the originators. On the other hand, one who has no knowledge of a conspiracy, but happens to act in a way which furthers some object or purpose of the conspiracy, does not thereby become a conspirator. Similarly, a person does not become a conspirator merely by associating with one or more persons who are conspirators, nor merely by knowing that a conspiracy exists.

An overt act does not itself have to be unlawful. A lawful act may be an element of a conspiracy if it was done for the purpose of carrying out the conspiracy. The government is not

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required to prove that the defendant personally did one of the overt acts.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 8.16 (2005)

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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 27

A conspiracy may continue for a long period of time and may include the performance of many transactions. It is not necessary that all members of the conspiracy join it at the same time, and one may become a member of a conspiracy without full knowledge of all the details of the unlawful scheme or the names, identities, or locations of all of the other members.

Even though a defendant did not directly conspire with the other defendant in the overall scheme, the defendant has, in effect, agreed to participate in the conspiracy if it is proved beyond a reasonable doubt that:

- (1) the defendant directly conspired with one or more conspirators to carry out at least one of the objects of the conspiracy,
- (2) the defendant knew or had reason to know that other conspirators were involved with those with whom the defendant directly conspired, and
- (3) the defendant had reason to believe that whatever benefits the defendant might get from the conspiracy were probably dependent upon the success of the entire venture.

It is no defense that a person's participation in a conspiracy was minor or for a short period of time.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 8.18 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 28

Defendant Low is charged in Count 3 of the indictment with the possession of a firearm in violation of Section 922(g) of Title 18 of the United States Code. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, the defendant knowingly possessed a firearm;

Second, the firearm had been shipped or transported from one state to another or a foreign nation to the United States; and

Third, at the time the defendant possessed the firearm, the defendant had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 8.59 (2005)

GIVEN _____
REFUSED _____
MODIFIED _____

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 29

The defendant is charged in Count 2 of the indictment with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute in violation of Sections 841(a)(1) of Title 21 of the United States Code. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, the defendant knowingly possess methamphetamine; and

Second, the defendant possessed it with the intent to deliver it to another person.

It does not matter whether the defendant knew that the substance was methamphetamine. It is sufficient that the defendant knew that it was some kind of prohibited drug.

To "possess with intent to distribute" means to possess with intent to deliver or transfer possession of a controlled substance to another person, with or without any financial interest in the transaction.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 9.14 (2005)

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PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 30

The government is not required to prove that the amount or quantity of methamphetamine was as charged in the indictment. It need only prove beyond reasonable doubt that there was a measurable or detectable amount of methamphetamine.

9th Cir. Crim. Jury Instr. 9.30 (2005)

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The punishment provided by law for this crime is for the court to decide. You may not consider punishment in deciding whether the government has proved its case against the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. _____

A verdict form has been prepared for you. [Any explanation of the verdict form may be given at this time.] After you have reached unanimous agreement on a verdict, your foreperson will fill in the form that has been given to you, sign and date it and advise the Court that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. _____

If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with me, you may send a note through the bailiff, signed by your foreperson or by one or more members of the jury. No member of the jury should ever attempt to communicate with me except by a signed writing, and I will respond to the jury concerning the case only in writing, or here in open court. If you send out a question, I will consult with the lawyers before answering it, which may take some time. You may continue your deliberations while waiting for the answer to any question. Remember that you are not to tell anyone—including me—how the jury stands, numerically or otherwise, on the question of the guilt of the defendant, until after you have reached a unanimous verdict or have been discharged.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. _____

The defendant is charged in Count 1 of the indictment with conspiring to distribute and to possess, with intent to distribute, 50 grams or more of a methamphetamine, in violation of Sections 846 and 841(a)(1) of Title 21 of the United States Code. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, beginning at a date unknown and continuing up to and including June 8, 2005, there was an agreement between two or more persons to distribute and to possess, with intent to distribute, 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; and,

Second, the defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing of at least one of its objects and intending to help accomplish it.

I shall discuss with you briefly the law relating to each of these elements.

A conspiracy is a kind of criminal partnership—an agreement of two or more persons to commit one or more crimes. The crime of conspiracy is the agreement to do something unlawful; it does not matter whether the crime agreed upon was committed.

For a conspiracy to have existed, it is not necessary that the conspirators made a formal agreement or that they agreed on every detail of the conspiracy. It is not enough, however, that

they simply met, discussed matters of common interest, acted in similar ways, or perhaps helped one another. You must find that there was a plan to commit at least one of the crimes alleged in the indictment as an object of the conspiracy with all of you agreeing as to the particular crime which the conspirators agreed to commit.

One becomes a member of a conspiracy by willfully participating in the unlawful plan with the intent to advance or further some object or purpose of the conspiracy, even though the person does not have full knowledge of all the details of the conspiracy. Furthermore, one who willfully joins an existing conspiracy is as responsible for it as the originators. On the other hand, one who has no knowledge of a conspiracy, but happens to act in a way which furthers some object or purpose of the conspiracy, does not thereby become a conspirator. Similarly, a person does not become a conspirator merely by associating with one or more persons who are conspirators, nor merely by knowing that a conspiracy exists.

An overt act does not itself have to be unlawful. A lawful act may be an element of a conspiracy if it was done for the purpose of carrying out the conspiracy. The government is not

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required to prove that the defendant personally did one of the overt acts.

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A conspiracy may continue for a long period of time and may include the performance of many transactions. It is not necessary that all members of the conspiracy join it at the same time, and one may become a member of a conspiracy without full knowledge of all the details of the unlawful scheme or the names, identities, or locations of all of the other members.

Even though a defendant did not directly conspire with the other defendant in the overall scheme, the defendant has, in effect, agreed to participate in the conspiracy if it is proved beyond a reasonable doubt that:

- (1) the defendant directly conspired with one or more conspirators to carry out at least one of the objects of the conspiracy,
- (2) the defendant knew or had reason to know that other conspirators were involved with those with whom the defendant directly conspired, and
- (3) the defendant had reason to believe that whatever benefits the defendant might get from the conspiracy were probably dependent upon the success of the entire venture.

It is no defense that a person's participation in a conspiracy was minor or for a short period of time.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. _____

Defendant Low is charged in Count 3 of the indictment with the possession of a firearm in violation of Section 922(g) of Title 18 of the United States Code. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, the defendant knowingly possessed a firearm;

Second, the firearm had been shipped or transported from one state to another or a foreign nation to the United States; and

Third, at the time the defendant possessed the firearm, the defendant had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. _____

The defendant is charged in Count 2 of the indictment with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute in violation of Sections 841(a)(1) of Title 21 of the United States Code. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, the defendant knowingly possess methamphetamine; and

Second, the defendant possessed it with the intent to deliver it to another person.

It does not matter whether the defendant knew that the substance was methamphetamine. It is sufficient that the defendant knew that it was some kind of prohibited drug.

To "possess with intent to distribute" means to possess with intent to deliver or transfer possession of a controlled substance to another person, with or without any financial interest in the transaction.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. _____

The government is not required to prove that the amount or quantity of methamphetamine was as charged in the indictment. It need only prove beyond reasonable doubt that there was a measurable or detectable amount of methamphetamine.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the dates and by the methods of service noted below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following at their last known addresses:

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